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California Department of Water Resources (CDWR)
Statewide Planning Branch (SPB).
Attention: Paul Dabbs, Project Manager

This confirms receipt of the California Water Plan Update 2003, Volume 1, with projections for the next decades from the SPB. However, they cannot prevent the oncoming water crisis if no immediate counter measures are applied (see the Laguna Salada Project).

With assistance of Legislators, some Water Agencies etc. and California Voters, the Association of the Colorado River Waterway Recreation Project in 1980s successfully caused postponement of construction of the Peripheral Canal in the Northern Delta (Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers delta) providing 0.8 million acre feet of water yearly for Southern California, until water reserves in the Southern Delta are exhausted first, embracing Coachella, Imperial, Mexicali and Borrego valleys in the amount of 0.8 mafy wasted in the Salt Sink (the Salton Sea).

In 2003 the U.S. Department of the Interior reduced water delivery to the S. Delta by 0.8 mafy to the level of 4.4 mafy allocated by the Law of the Colorado River to California, without consideration of the population growth from 22 million in 1980s to 34 million in 2003, which spells a need for additional amount of water of 2.4 mafy for the 12 million population increase, while this amount of 2.4 mafy cannot be generated within California. Further growth of population (up to 52 million in 2030) without water delivery from outside of California will be hindered, so the DCWR should take that into consideration. California needs to be augmented. About this please find in the enclosures, and do address this issue in the Final California Water Plan scheduled for December 31, 2004.

In order to offset the 0.8 mafy reduction in the S. Delta, an injection into the Salt Sink of healthy waters from the Sea of Cortez in the amount of 1.4 mafy – equal to a yearly evaporation of the Salton Sea, should satisfy for a while the needs of S. California. Unfortunately the DCWR ignores this source of water (see communications with Governor G. Davis and DCWR). Next, the Peripheral Canal could deliver 0.8 mafy as planned with another 0.8 mafy or more if the intrusion of salty waters from the Pacific Ocean into the N. Delta were to be prevented. Augmentation of the Colorado River Basin on its northern periphery might deliver 2.0 mafy, and another 5.0 mafy might be generated in the Lower Mississippi river basin and transferred to California. All together, if the California's population growth reaches 52 million, there should be generated 10.4 mafy of water (1.4 mafy might deliver the Sea of Cortez; 1.6 the Peripheral Canal; 2.0 the northern Colorado River Basin and 5.0 the Lower Mississippi basin). As it is seen, even in such a scenario in 2030 California may be short of 0.4 mafy.

With regards –



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Enclosed are documents pertaining to the above plus Motion for Investigation of 1985.

Cc: Eight Governors of the Colorado River Basin states; North American Water and Power Alliance;
Other Interested Entities.